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SUBJ: DIPLOMATIC CORPS VISIT TO EAST TIMOR

1. PORTUGAL'S CURRENT OBJECTIVE IN EAST TIMOR IS TO EXIT AS GRACEFULLY AS POSSIBLE. THE MAIN -- AND SERIOUS -- RESTRAINT ON PORTUGUESE WILLINGNESS TO WORK OUT AN ACCEPTABLE ARRANGEMENT WITH GOI/PGET IS THE 23 PORTUGUESE MILITARY PRISONERS HELD BY PGET SINCE LAST YEAR.

2. DESPITE PROTESTATIONS OF GOI THAT PORTUGAL SHOULD DEAL DIRECTLY WITH THE PGET ON THE PRISONER ISSUE, THE GOP DOES NOT FIND CREDIBLE INDONESIA'S CLAIM THAT THE GOI CAN NOT DELIVER THE PRISONERS IF IT SO DESIRES.

3. IN VIEW OF REPEATED GOP REQUESTS FOR USG HELP ON POW ISSUE, A VISIT BY US OFFICIAL TO EAST TIMOR AT THIS TIME WOULD BE DEEPLY RESENTED BY THE GOP. ADDITIONALLY, IT WOULD DAMAGE ANTI-COMMUNIST FORCES JUST AS THE PORTUGUESE PRESIDENTIAL CAMPAIGN HEATS UP.

4. RECOMMENDATION: THERE IS A WAY, HOWEVER, TO TURN SUCH A VISIT TO OUR ADVANTAGE WITH THE PORTUGUESE. IF THE GOI, PRIOR TO THE VISIT, COULD ARRANGE FOR THE RELEASE OF THE 23 PRISONERS, THE GOP WOULD BE UNLIKELY TO OBJECT TO THE VISIT. THE RELEASE WOULD SAVE

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PORTUGAL'S FACE, PROTECT THE MODERATES DURING THE

PRESIDENTIAL CAMPAIGN, AND HELP SECURE PORTUGUESE
COOPERATION WITH THE GOI IN THE LONG RUN SOLUTION OF
THE EAST TIMOR PROBLEM. RECOMMEND, THEREFORE, THAT USG
PARTICIPATION IN PROPOSED VISIT BE MADE CONTINGENT UPON
POW RELEASE. MODALITIES OF RELEASE COULD BE WORKED OUT
BY GOP AND GOI ONCE BASIC DECISION WAS MADE.
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